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In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

Takao Tsuruoka

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P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Further to Applicant's Duty of Disclosure pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicant wishes to bring to the Examiner's attention the material cited on the enclosed PTO-1449 form.

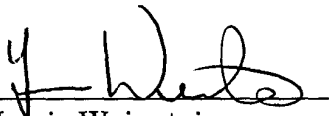
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Applicant: Takao Tsuruoka
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It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider these documents and return an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 form indicating his consideration of the cited materials.

Respectfully submitted,

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